

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-17, 20-33, 35-49, and 52-64 are pending in the application.

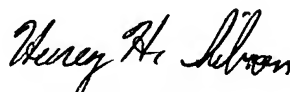
Dependent claims 6, 7, 22, 26, 28, 32, 38, and 39 have each been amended for clarity to recite an ASA type resin, which is the proper antecedent term in the respective independent claims from which these particular claims depend.

The Applicant notes for the record that these claim amendments have been made to clarify the subject matter of the invention, and not in response to any rejection over the prior art. No new matter has been added to the claims under 35 U.S.C. §132 in making the claim amendments.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the application is still in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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